



Austin City Council MINUTES

For SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - AUGUST 16, 1989 - 10:30 A.M.
FIRST FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM - TOWN LAKE CENTER

Council Chambers, 307 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

Mayor Cooke called to order the meeting of the Council, noting the absence of Councilmember Urdy. The Mayor announced the purpose of the meeting was to hold a budget worksession with presentations from five departments.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Joe Lessard, Assistant City Manager, discussed the budget for the Parks and Recreation Department. He said the maintenance issues are the most important to the City's park areas and we need to "do things smarter and use what we have to reduce the maintenance needed".

Charles Jordan, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, reviewed the budget for his department and illustrated with charts. He emphasized the use of xeriscape gardening and landscaping in the City's parks and medians and cemeteries. He discussed tennis and said it covers its cost and that softball will cover its cost. Mr. Jordan also enumerated proposed rate increases connected to PARD.

LIBRARIES

Libby Watson, Assistant City Manager, introduced the discussion of the library budget. David Earl Holt, Library Director, went over the proposed budget cuts. Council discussed the library hour cuts.

RECESS

Council recessed its meeting from 12:00 Noon to 1:32 P.M.

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Joe Lessard introduced the department budget. Bill Stockton, Director, Transportation and Public Service Department, explained the proposed operating budget and CIP recommendations and illustrated by use of charts. There was discussion with financial questions answered by Elaine Hart, Director of Finance.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Joe Lessard introduced the budget for this department. Jim Smith, Director, explained the budget and said there needs to be a better way to handle the peaks and valleys of development. Mayor Pro Tem Shipman pointed out there are 21 boards and commission which come under

the Planning and Development Department. She said they need to scrutinize the expenditures for them.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Assistant City Manager Joe Lessard presented an overview of the budget for Environmental and Conservation Department. Austin Librach, Director, explained the budget and referred to pages in the budget document which concern his department.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 4:00 P.M.